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THE CITY MAY BE ENJOINED.

When Ogden City gave away its waterworks for \$1 to John R. Bothwell about thirty years ago, Ogden citizens quietly slept on their rights for twelve years. When H. H. Spencer became mayor, he brought suit to recover the waterworks on the grounds that the city had no power to sell its waterworks.

The supreme court held that the sale to Bothwell was ultra vires or void, but that the people of Ogden and the city had slept on their rights for twelve years and during that time had permitted Bothwell and his successors to spend over \$100,000 on the plant; that it would be more unjust to confiscate Bothwell's \$100,000 plant than to give away the city's \$50,000 plant.

If the city quietly sleeps on the gas and electric franchises for twelve years it may then be too late to test the action in the courts.

We do not know the merits of the law suit just filed against the city, but it will do no harm to test the question of the fixing of the rates which the state law says the city commission shall do. If the city commissioners can delegate the right to fix rates to an arbitration committee, one-half to be appointed by the light company, then the city commissioners can delegate all their other duties to some other person or persons.

If the courts hold the city can delegate its power to others, we will soon be calling for bids for some private person to handle the fire department. It would then be in order to sublet the duties for maintaining peace in Ogden. The city could delegate the maintaining of the streets to a private corporation, etc., etc.

We are inclined to believe there is some merit in the suit now filed.

GAS AT 45 CENTS TO 50 CENTS.

If a brigand held you up on the highway and took possession of your earthly goods and later returned a part of the stolen wealth, would you go in to ecstatics over the bandit's generosity and would you point to the return as evidence of the high purpose of the robber's calling?

Perhaps our readers instinctively see some connection between the foregoing and the paens of praise which are being poured out by our mayor and city commissioners on the big light and gas companies of this city, which have been holding the people up, and to quiet an insistent demand from the public and present an excuse for the granting of a fifty-year franchise, have pretended to yield up a part of that which they had taken from the people.

If the light and gas companies could reduce rates, they should have been compelled by the city board to make the reductions without exacting a pound of flesh from the people.

Shylock demanded his pound of flesh and Shylock today is a term of reproach. But our mayor and city commissioners would call Shylock most noble, most considerate.

A consumer of gas and light calls our attention to the following, being on this subject from a magazine published by the utilities bureau of the

Conference of American Mayors, reproduced from the Kansas City Times of September 7:

"These figures show that the actual working costs of gas delivered should not exceed forty-five cents per thousand cubic feet, and with modern equipment and business methods and proper accounting this cost should approach forty cents as an attainable figure. With taxes taken at five or six cents, all costs of producing and delivering gas and conducting the business in an efficient and aggressive manner, except returns to safeguard and recompense capital, should not exceed fifty cents per thousand cubic feet sold. Receipts for gas sold in excess of this figure represent returns to capital.

"When public authorities, in fixing standards of service and setting prices and in levying taxes and fees, skillfully and with knowledge, yet cordially co-operate with the operating companies, it would appear that forty-five cents or even less should be readily attainable as the total cost of gas, exclusive of returns on capital, and still maintain a high standard of service."

Nineteen widely separated American cities, representing all conditions of gas production, were investigated by experts in the obtaining of the figures from which the conclusions given above were reached.

What do the people of Ogden think of a city commission which informs them that they have been deeply obligated by a local company demanding for gas \$1.25 instead of \$1.40?

Our city dads must look upon our citizens as Armenians in the hands of Kurds. When a band of Kurds descends on an Armenian village, plundering and murdering, the helpless Christians offer thanks if the wild horsemens of Asia Minor do not exterminate the men, women and children. Constantly recurring Kurdish attacks have made the Armenians spiritless, and they cringe and abjectly accept inferiority.

Do the city commissioners of Ogden think they are dealing with Armenians?

DISEASE AS BAD AS WAR.

A bulletin of the United States public health service gives the following statistics on typhoid fever:

"During the year, probably 200,000 people in the United States will contract typhoid fever. The average period of invalidism will be more than a month for every case developing, so that the economic loss, even if recovery does ensue, can be reckoned upon this basis, including at the same time the care and attention required. Of those who contract the disease, possibly 18,000 will succumb, and 50 per cent of these will be between the ages of 15 and 35 years, the very time of life when the loss is most frightful. Moreover, this is an annual toll and represents the minimum fatality which we have attained."

In the first year of the terrible war in Europe, the British army has had 75,957 deaths. Twenty years ago, more than half that number of people died in the United States from typhoid, a disease which is now known to be preventable and is classed as a filth affliction.

Typhoid was the worst affliction to befall the American army during the Spanish-American war, but today the disease is virtually eliminated from the army by sanitation and the serum preventive.

PEOPLE AROUSED OVER CITY AFFAIRS.

The Standard finds that all classes of the community are deeply stirred over the action of the city commissioners in turning over to the gas and light companies franchises extending over a period of half a century. This paper is receiving many letters of protest from the very best people of the community.

Here is a letter from C. A. Bushnell, the painter:

Editor Standard: When the committee of citizens appeared before the city commission to protest against the granting of the fifty-year franchises to the gas and electric light companies, a reference was made to the rates which prevail in Milwaukee.

I have hunted up these rates and I find that, in 1912, a complaint was filed by the Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Company, with the Wisconsin railway commission, with a competing light company to keep a competing light company from cutting the rates. The claim was made that the competitor was selling electric energy too cheaply.

The Wisconsin railroad commission ordered three companies to stop competing, one with another, in cutting rates and to sell electricity at a uniform price fixed by the commission. The basis of this discussion was that unless a uniform price was maintained, the companies would not be able to pay interest on their bonds and dividends on their stock.

Some day we will have a state utilities commission in Utah. This commission will have power to raise or lower the rates on gas and electric lights and that power will be taken away from the cities.

The cities will find themselves saddled up with franchises running fifty years or more, and with no power left to them beyond the right to petition the state utilities commission for relief. And then the gas and electric light companies will send their representatives before the state commission to plead for higher rates and they will shed crocodile tears and say:

"We have in good faith issued millions of dollars of bonds and of stocks on the strength of these franchises in these Utah cities and towns and we have sold them all over the United States to innocent purchasers who paid for them. We sold them to trustees of colleges and asylums and old ladies' homes, (tears). We sold them to guardians of estates and widows and orphans. You wouldn't hurt an orphan would you? (more

tears) And they all bought in good faith and the only thing that stands between them and starvation is the interest on these bonds and the dividends on the stock they bought in our companies."

Wherefore, the people of Ogden must keep on paying these same old rates. And it will be pretty hard to get away from that argument; for generally courts and commissions are very particular about the rights of "innocent purchasers."

I wish to give the rates established for electricity by the Wisconsin commission. They are as follows:

4c per kilowatt hour for first 1000 kilowatt hours consumption during month.

3c per kilowatt hour for next 3000 kilowatt hours consumption during month.

2c per kilowatt hour for next 6000 kilowatt hours consumption during month.

1 1/2c per kilowatt hour for all energy consumed in any month in excess of 10,000 kilowatt hours.

Which all goes to show that, so long as the light and gas works are private concerns, the big users have the best end of the deal and the people get it in the neck.

To those who think that a municipal light plant is not economical and efficient, I will refer them to Columbus, O., which has owned its light plant for sixteen years.

A report just made, under regulations of the Ohio public utilities commission, by New York and Cleveland accountants, shows that during this period \$286,658.37 has been saved the taxpayers. The cost to the city of the plant since its establishment is put at \$1,301,078.56 and it is figured that the plant's services in lighting the streets, based on the Cleveland rates, is \$1,559,489.91. The same charges were entered against the municipally owned plant as against any private plant, such as depreciation, interest, rent and so forth. Yours respectfully,

(Signed) C. A. BUSHNELL.

Julia Swayne Gordon in the Underworld drama, "The City Tigris," Alhambra today

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CITY FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

The financial statement of city affairs for the month of August, given by City Auditor Arthur P. Larson, shows that the expenditures exceeded the receipts by about \$24,000, the heaviest expenses being in the department of streets and public improvements.

Following is a recapitulation of the report:

RECEIPTS.	
Public affairs and finance.....	\$ 1,691.43
Water supply and water works.....	8,465.52
Public safety, parks and public property.....	1,045.15
Streets and public improvements.....	1,469.65
Total.....	\$12,671.75
EXPENDITURES.	
Public affairs and finance.....	\$ 2,926.59
Water supply and water works.....	11,861.92
Public safety, parks and public property.....	7,934.81
Streets and public improvements.....	13,933.93
Total.....	\$36,657.25

It was not Mary's fault that she had been led astray. Whose fault, then? See "Blindness of Virtue" tonight and tomorrow at the Ogden Theater.

BIG COMEDY BILL AT THE ORPHEUM TOMORROW

One of the best laughing shows to be seen in Ogden for some time will open its three days' engagement at the Orpheum theatre tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Pantages advises manager Goss that the vaudeville bill he is sending him this week is a top notcher and has 1000 laughs in the hour and a half entertainment. Kelly and Calvin in "The Actor and the Italian" and hand out a great many laughs. The Flying La Mares offer a whirlwind aerial novelty full of thrills and laugh act that has made such a hit in Salt Lake the past week. Dave Rafael in his comedy ventriloquy offering "On the Farm" comes with more laughs and a big scenic production. Si Jenks "The Rube Comedian" bills himself as "Just in Town to See the Sights," and hand out a great many laughs. The Flying La Mares offer a whirlwind aerial novelty full of thrills and laugh act that has made such a hit in Salt Lake the past week. Dave Rafael in his comedy ventriloquy offering "On the Farm" comes with more laughs and a big scenic production. Si Jenks "The Rube Comedian" bills himself as "Just in Town to See the Sights," and hand out a great many laughs.

Real Estate Transfers

The following real estate transfers have been placed on file in the county recorder's office:

Benjamin F. Weatherly and wife to Millie M. Chase, lots 5 and 6, Moffitt's subdivision, block 22, plat C, Ogden survey. Consideration, \$750.

Frances A. Woodbury and husband to Joseph N. Thornton and wife, lots 7 and 8, block 2, Park Place subdivision, Ogden survey. Consideration, \$30.

Robert G. Agee and wife to Harry B. Bantam, part of lot 28, block 7, Ogden Five-Acre plat A, Ogden survey. Consideration, \$600.

Clarence W. Brooks and wife to Florence Weable, part of lot 4, block 28, plat C, Ogden survey. Consideration, \$350.

Read the Classified Ads.

GREAT CROWD AT THE DEPOT BOUND FOR BRIGHAM CITY

Headed by the Sylvan Park band of 16 pieces and leading the "brown bear" and "polar bear," as per previous announcements, an Ogden contingent of "boosters" paraded from the Weber club to the interurban depot this morning and boarded a special Ogden, Logan and Idaho railway car for a trip to Brigham City. This contingent was followed with another that left the city at about the same hour in automobiles. In all, the members of the two parties numbered more than 100 representative business men of Ogden and they were to unite at Brigham City to take part in the big "Peach Day" parade.

The boosters all wore official uniforms with "Fashion Show" bands around their hats, "Fashion Show" ribbons pinned across their shoulders and carrying cards with "Fashion Show" pennants waving from the rear. This purpose of advertising the Fashion Show was incidental to that of joining with the people of Brigham City in their annual peach harvest festival and was expected to instill a reciprocal feeling into the people of the northern part of the state toward the big show that will be staged in Ogden next week.

From scenes at the interurban depot, it was evident that the official boosters party formed only a small part of the Ogden people that went to Brigham City during the day and the outlook was that many more would make the trip this evening.

The electric cars from the district south of Ogden also carried large numbers of people into Ogden to be transferred to the special trains of the Ogden, Logan and Idaho railway cars for the remainder of the trip to Brigham City. Many of them came up town between trains.

The boosters crowd included a large percentage of the Fashion Show committeemen and things at headquarters were somewhat less exciting than usual. The announcement was made that more than 1000 invitations had been issued for the grand ball at the Berthana hall on Saturday night, September 25. This will mark the closing of the Fashion Show and is expected to be the biggest and most elaborate social event ever staged in the city.

In the "queen" contest division today, the vote was announced as follows:

Florence West.....5375
Florence Paine.....5351
Viola Carr.....5323
Myla Moon.....5321
Esther Anderson.....5250
Mary Huff.....5209
Mrs. L. Dee.....5158
Miss Lillian Wright.....5150
Miss Ruth Batchelor.....5108
Mrs. W. E. Whalen.....5106
Miss Rosanna Carr.....5075
Miss Janet Russell.....5050
Miss Helen Baker.....5047
Miss Iris Brown.....5023
Miss Ethel Maycock.....5022

The superintendent of the vigilance committee of Toronto, Canada, says, "The Blindness of Virtue" is worth 100,000 sermons. Tonight and tomorrow at the Ogden Theater.

It is worth your while to walk over on Hudson and see the Battleship Utah manned with the little sailors, featuring the great serial which starts today, "Neal of the Navy." This introduction portrays the eruption of Mt. Pelée, the molten lava rolling down the mountain sides is so real, you will imagine you are viewing the actual scenes of "The Great Eruption of Mt. Pelée." (Advertisement.)

WORLD'S MARKETS

New York, Sept. 15.—Early trading in stocks today was mainly a repetition of recent sessions. War shares furnished the only features of interest, Bethlehem Steel making a new high record at an advance of a point to 350, and Crucible Steel breaking into new ground at 96 1/2, an overnight advance of 1 1/2 c. United States Steel again manifested uncertain tendencies, opening at a slight decline, soon recovering, but as suddenly reacting. Investment shares were more or less neglected with no marked changes in that branch of the list.

Chicago Grain

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Wheat prices leaned to the bear side of the market today, influenced chiefly by lower quotations from Liverpool. British traders were reported to have adopted a waiting attitude, relying on enlarged receipts soon, both in the United States and Canada. Official estimates of the Canadian yield for 1915 ranged from 5-8 c. decline to 1-2 c. advance, with September at 1.01 1/4 to 1.01 1/2 and December at 95 3/8 to 95 5/8, was followed by a moderate upturn and then a sag all around.

Fears of frost tended to harden corn. Pit offerings were readily absorbed. After opening unchanged to 3-4 c. higher, the market scored some additional gains before beginning to react.

Oats were strengthened a little by wet weather. Trade, though, was light.

Provisions rose decidedly on account of substantial buying and because of offerings being only moderate. The orders to purchase appeared to be largely for investment.

The wheat close was steady, 3-4 to 1 1/2 to 1 5/8 c. net lower with September at 1.00 1/2 to 1.01 1/4 and December at 94 1/4 to 94 1/2 c.

The corn close was unsettled at a shade to a 1-4 c. above last night.

Cash Sales.
Chicago, Sept. 15.—Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, 1.03 1/2 to 1.11 1/2; No. 2 hard, nominal; No. 3 hard,

Wright's
A GOOD PLACE TO TRADE
Special Exhibition and Sale
of Human Hair Goods
ENDS SATURDAY



—Madam Ellis, an expert specialist and designer, representing one of New York's largest importers and manufacturers of Hair Goods, will be here to demonstrate the latest styles in hair dressing—as well as to advise you on the treatment of the hair—until Saturday only. She has an immense variety of human hair on display and will be able to match any color at the following very unusual prices—Main Aisle—

- \$2 Real Human Hair Switches, soft and wavy, 20 in. long, special this week.....95¢
- \$3 Real Human Hair Switches, soft and wavy, 22 in. long, special this week.....\$1.95
- \$5 Real Human Hair Switches, 24 in. long, special this week.....\$2.95
- \$6 Real Human Hair Switches, 26 in. long, special this week.....\$3.95
- \$8 Real Human Hair Switches, 28 in. long, special this week.....\$4.95
- \$10 Real Human Hair Switches, 36 in. long, special this week.....\$5.95
- Transformations worth up to \$10, special this week.....\$2.95

1.08@1.10.
Corn—No. 2 yellow, 76 1/4@77c; others, nominal.
Oats—No. 3 white, 33@34c; standard, 37 3/4@38c.
Rye—No. 2, 84c.
Barley—50@60c.
Timothy—\$5.50@8.00.
Clover—\$11.00@16.00.
Lard—\$8.00@8.57.
Ribs—\$8.37@8.57.
Pork—\$12.35.

Chicago Hog Market.
Chicago, Sept. 15.—Hogs—Receipts 19,000, strong, 10 to 15c above yesterday's average. Bulk, \$7.00@7.95; light, \$7.55@8.45; mixed, \$6.80@8.35; heavy, \$6.50@7.90; rough, \$6.50@6.70; pigs, \$6.00@7.50.

London Stock Market.
London, Sept. 15.—American securities on the stock market were inactive. Prices varied but little during the day and the close was steady.

Omaha Livestock.
Omaha, Neb., Sept. 15.—Hogs—Receipts 6200; steady. Heavy, \$6.60@7.00; light, \$7.00@7.75; pigs, \$6.00@7.70; bulk of sales, \$6.70@7.00.
Cattle—Receipts 6700; steady. Native steers, \$6.75@9.75; cows and heifers, \$5.75@7.25; western steers, \$6.50@8.50; Texas steers, \$6.00@7.50; cows and heifers, \$7.00@10.00; calves, \$7.00@10.00.
Sheep—Receipts 35,000; steady. Yearlings, \$5.75@6.75; wethers, \$5.25@6.25; lambs, \$8.10@9.30.

Sugar.
New York, Sept. 15.—Raw sugar, quiet; centrifugal, 4.45c; molasses, 3.68c; refined, quiet.
Sugar futures opened quieter today and at noon prices were 1 to 3 points lower.

Chicago Hog Prices.
Chicago, Sept. 15.—Hog prices today reached a new high record for the year. The supply on hand here was plainly less than the aggregate needs of buyers. Cattle offerings were not so plentiful as on the corresponding day last week. Sheep and lambs proved to be relatively scarce.

Every woman in Ogden should see Essanay's celebrated drama, "Blindness of Virtue," tonight and tomorrow at the Ogden Theater.

HOT WEATHER EAST AND SOUTH

Washington, Sept. 15.—Hot weather will continue in the east and south for at least 36 hours, the weather bureau announced today.

Cooler weather held overspread the upper lake region and the upper Mississippi valley, but no early promise is held out for lower temperatures eastward.

Boston, Sept. 15.—The noon tem-

perature here today was 91 and another new high mark for the year was expected before sundown.

Extreme Heat in Philadelphia.
Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 15.—The temperature in Philadelphia, which has been actively high for the last 13 days, was again above the average today, 89 being recorded at the weather bureau this afternoon.

The board of education will be asked to authorize the holding of only one session daily in the public schools if the weather does not moderate tomorrow.

Two Heat Prostrations.
Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Two prostrations from the excessive heat were reported here up to 11 o'clock today. At that time the thermometer registered 90 degrees. There was one death yesterday. The public schools were closed this afternoon on account of the heat wave.

Boston, Sept. 15.—Schools in Boston and several other cities and towns in the state were closed at noon because of the excessive heat. The weather bureau predicted cooler weather for tomorrow.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 15.—The schools of the city, public, parochial and private, closed with one session today because of the heat. This program will be maintained until the weather moderates. The thermometer reached 91 at 1 p. m. today. Two heat prostrations were reported.

Julia Swayne Gordon in the Underworld drama, "The City Tigris," Alhambra today and tomorrow.

SHIP HELD UP EIGHT TIMES

American Steamer Reaches New York After Being Stopped by British and Germans and Part of Cargo Taken.

New York, Sept. 15.—The American steamer Portland arrived here today from Swedish and British ports after having been held up by eight war vessels on her eastward and westward trips. The freighter sailed from San Francisco several months ago with a cargo of barley, beans and dried fruits, consigned to Stockholm, and carrying a British consular certificate providing against interference.

Part of Cargo Taken.
On June 14 the Portland was held up by a British cruiser, taken to Kirkwall, and four days later discharged a part of her cargo at Blyth. She then started for Stockholm but was held up twice by German submarines which took part of the cargo. From Stockholm the Portland sailed for England and was held up by two

more German submarines. After leaving Gravesend three British destroyers held up the Portland before she was clear of the war zone.

"Neal of the Navy" today and tomorrow, the Alhambra.

STUPID WORK OF GERMAN CITIZENS

Overseas News Agency Denounces Sending of Papers Advising Destruction of U. S. Ammunition Factories.

Berlin, Sept. 15, by wireless to Sayville.—The Overseas News Agency says: "German newspapers, which aimed recently in the United States, contained pamphlets advising the destruction of American ammunition factories. Such a practice is designated officially as stupid and dangerous. Evidently this was the work of misguided and hot-headed private citizens who attempted to conduct an agitation in this manner. No newspaper office was responsible."

NEWMAN ERB IS DANGEROUSLY ILL

Railroad Promoter and Financier Takes Poison by Mistake for Headache Medicine.

New York, Sept. 15.—Word was received in the financial district this afternoon that Newman Erb, railroad promoter and financier, is dangerously ill at his home in Deal, N. J. It was said that while on his way last night from Deal to this city, where he has offices, he took poison by mistake for headache medicine. Mr. Erb is president of the Mineapolis and St. Louis Railroad company, in which he is understood to hold a controlling interest, and is largely interested in other western railroads.

The news of Mr. Erb's critical illness was accompanied by a sharp decline in the securities of the Minneapolis and St. Louis, the preferred stock dropping six points and the common three points.

HIS STATUS.
"Is your wife going to give many parties next winter?"
"I don't know," replied Mr. Erb. "I never ask any questions about her social affairs. I'm lucky to be invited."—Washington Star.

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We Blend and Roast Our Own Coffee Each Day, assuring the Perfection which is the ideal in every home.

We are the only retail store that roasts its own coffee—other coffees are weeks and months old when they reach the consumer. Our's is never more than 24 hours old.

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PATHE NEWS.

KITNER HAYNES AND MONTGOMERY
In Their Singing Novelty Two "Swells At Sea."

THE FLYING LAMARRES,
Whirlwind Aerialists. Thrills. Thrills.

JOHN DELMORE AND GOLDIE BLACK,
In "Scenes Behind the Scenes."

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